Application No.: 10/561119 Response to Non-Final Office Action dated 06/23/08

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Customer No.: 000027683

Atty. Docket No.: 36697.17

In re: Application of:

Timothy Charles Ramsey Prickett et al.

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1. AMENDMENT (LISTING OF CLAIMS); 2. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; 3. DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132; AND 4. RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL

OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 23, 2008

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider the following Amendment and remarks responsive to the Non-Final Official Action dated June 23, 2008 ("the Action"), for which the shortened statutory period ended on September 23, 2008. A Petition for an Extension of Time of Two Months, to and including November 24, 2008 (November 23, 2008 being a Sunday), is included herewith to render the amendment and response timely.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the additional claims fees, the extension of time fee, as well as any additional fees that may be deemed necessary for any reason

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08-1394, Order No. 36697.17.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this submission.

Amendments to the Claims (as reflected in the Listing of Claims) begin on page 7.

Response/Remarks begin on page 14.

Exhibit A (including Appendix A), Exhibit B, and Exhibit C are attached hereto following page 33 of the Response/Remarks.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is also enclosed separately herewith for entry and consideration by the Office.